
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO CONDOMINIUMS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. Section 514B-121, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 "**§514B-121 Association meetings.** (a) A meeting of the
4 association shall be held at least once each year.

5 (b) All association meetings shall be conducted in
6 accordance with the most recent edition of Robert's Rules of
7 Order Newly Revised.

8 (c) Special meetings of the association may be called by
9 the president, a majority of the board, or by a petition to the
10 secretary or managing agent signed and dated by no less than
11 twenty-five per cent of the unit owners as shown in the
12 association's record of ownership; provided that if the
13 secretary or managing agent fails to send out the notices for
14 the special meeting within fourteen days of receipt of the
15 petition, the petitioners shall have the authority to set the
16 time, date, and place for the special meeting and to send out
17 the notices and proxies for the special meeting at the



1 association's expense in accordance with the requirements of the
2 bylaws and of this part; provided further that a special meeting
3 based upon a petition to the secretary or managing agent shall
4 be set no later than sixty days from receipt of the petition.

5 The petition shall be valid only if submitted within one hundred
6 twenty days of the earliest signature.

7 (d) No less than fourteen days in advance of any meeting,
8 the secretary or other officer specified in the bylaws shall
9 cause notice to be:

10 (1) Hand-delivered;

11 (2) Sent prepaid by United States mail to the mailing
12 address of each unit or to any other mailing address
13 designated in writing by the unit owner; or

14 (3) At the option of the unit owner, expressed in writing,
15 by electronic mail to the electronic mailing address
16 designated in writing by the unit owner.

17 The notice of any meeting shall state the date, time, and place
18 of the meeting and the items on the agenda, including the
19 general nature and rationale of any proposed amendment to the
20 declaration or bylaws, and any proposal to remove a member of
21 the board; provided that this subsection shall not preclude any



1 unit owner from proposing an amendment to the declaration or
2 bylaws or to remove a member of the board at any annual
3 association meeting.

4 (e) Notwithstanding any provision [~~to the contrary~~] in the
5 association's declaration or bylaws, [~~electronic~~] the board, in
6 its sole discretion, may authorize:

7 (1) Electronic voting at any in-person association
8 meeting; and

9 (2) Electronic meetings, electronic voting[~~7~~] at
10 electronic meetings, electronic voting without a
11 meeting, and mail voting [~~may be authorized by the~~
12 ~~board in its sole discretion:~~] without a meeting for
13 any and all association business, including, without
14 limitation, the election of directors, the adoption of
15 amendments of the declaration and bylaws, and the
16 adoption of motions and resolutions:

17 [+1+] (A) During any period in which a state of emergency
18 or local state of emergency, declared pursuant to
19 chapter 127A, is in effect in the county in which
20 the condominium is located; provided that the
21 termination or expiration of the state of



1 emergency or local state of emergency shall not
2 be grounds for invalidating any action taken at
3 an electronic meeting that was noticed, or any
4 action taken via electronic voting or mail voting
5 without a meeting that was commenced, while a
6 state of emergency or local state of emergency
7 declared pursuant to chapter 127A, was in effect;

8 ~~[(2)]~~ ~~For any association meeting for which notice was given~~
9 ~~while a state of emergency or local state of~~
10 ~~emergency, declared pursuant to chapter 127A, was in~~
11 ~~effect for the county in which the condominium is~~
12 ~~located but is no longer in effect as of the date of~~
13 ~~the meeting; provided that the meeting is held within~~
14 ~~sixty days of the date the notice was first given;~~

15 ~~+(3)]~~ (B) When approved by adoption of a special [meeting]
16 rule of order at an association meeting that
17 permits the board to authorize electronic
18 meetings, electronic voting, and mail voting;

19 ~~+(4)]~~ (C) When approved no less than three months and no
20 more than eighteen months before the electronic
21 meeting, electronic voting, and mail voting by:



1 ~~[As used in this subsection, "mail voting" includes sending~~
2 ~~or receiving written ballots via mail, courier, or electronic~~
3 ~~transmission; provided that the transmission is a complete~~
4 ~~reproduction of the original.~~

5 ~~{f}~~] (i) All association meetings, except those where all
6 persons attend by electronic means, shall be held at the address
7 of the condominium or elsewhere within the State as determined
8 by the board; provided that in the event of a natural disaster,
9 an association meeting may be held outside the State.

10 (j) As used in this section:

11 "Electronic voting" includes sending or receiving votes
12 electronically.

13 "Mail voting" includes sending or receiving written ballots
14 or written consent forms via mail, courier, or electronic
15 transmission; provided that the transmission is a complete
16 reproduction of the original."

17 SECTION 2. Section 514B-124.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
18 amended to read as follows:

19 **"[+]§514B-124.5[+] Voting for elections; cumulative**
20 **voting.** (a) ~~[If the bylaws provide for cumulative voting for~~
21 ~~an election at a meeting,]~~ If an election is to be held by



1 cumulative voting pursuant to the bylaws, each unit owner
2 present in person or represented by proxy shall have a number of
3 votes equal to the unit owner's voting percentage multiplied by
4 the number of positions to be filled at the election.

5 (b) Each unit owner shall be entitled to cumulate the
6 individual votes of the unit owner and give all of the votes to
7 one [~~nominee~~] candidate or distribute the individual votes among
8 any or all of the [~~nominees.~~] candidates.

9 (c) The [~~nominee or nominees~~] candidate or candidates
10 receiving the highest number of votes under this section, up to
11 the total number of positions to be filled, shall be deemed
12 elected and shall be given the longest term.

13 (d) This section shall not prevent the filling of
14 vacancies on the board of directors in accordance with this
15 chapter and the association's governing documents.

16 (e) As used in this section, "candidate" means a nominee
17 or write-in candidate."

18 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
19 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

20 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Report Title:

Condominium Associations; Electronic Meetings; Electronic Voting; Mail Voting; Cumulative Voting

Description:

Clarifies an association board's authority with respect to calling electronic meetings, electronic voting, and mail voting. Clarifies that, in condominium elections, cumulative voting rights apply to all candidates regardless of whether they are nominated. Clarifies that individual votes are used in cumulative voting.

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